

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) ~~An improved boat hook and~~ A line handling device ~~for use~~ for removable connection to a boat hook shaft in positioning a docking line comprising ~~an elongated boat hook shaft and~~ a clip having an elongated body with a first end and a second end, said clip adapted to be oriented at an angle to ~~said the~~ the boat hook shaft with said first end displaced from said boat hook shaft, said second end of said clip pivotally connected and spring biased to an attachment, said attachment shaped as a semi-circular clamp adapted to frictionally engage ~~fixed to said the~~ shaft whereby said clip facilitates positioning of a docking line by maintaining a line loop sized to encircle a piling.

2. (Original) An improved boat hook according to Claim 1, wherein said attachment is a hinge.

3. (Original) An improved boat hook according to Claim 2, wherein said clip is spring biased to orient said clip into parallel position relative to said shaft.

4. (Currently amended) An improved boat hook according to Claim 3, wherein ~~said attachment is mounted on a clamp,~~ said clamp ~~having~~ has a circumference approximating the circumference of ~~said~~ the shaft whereby said attachment is removably fixed ~~to~~ about said shaft.

5. (Cancel).

6. (Currently amended) ~~An improved boat hook according to claim 1, wherein~~ An improved boat hook and line handling device ~~said comprising~~ a boat hook shaft ~~has~~ having ~~a first~~ an outer tube and ~~a second~~ an inner tube, said ~~first~~ outer tube and said ~~second~~ inner tube telescoping relative to each other, said outer tube including an opening near one end, said inner tube including a pivoting portion near one end, said pivoting portion having a free end and a fixed end, said free end of said pivoting portion adapted to extend through said opening, said attachment is fixed to said inner tube, said fixed end resiliently attached to said inner tube ~~said clip forming a portion of said second inner tube~~ spring biased clip whereby said clip is oriented parallel to said ~~first~~ outer tube when said ~~first~~ outer tube and said ~~second~~ inner tube are moved relative to each other into one position and oriented at an angle to said first outer tube into another